GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:160
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TRIBAL RESERVED CONSTITUENCY IN SIKKIM LEGISLATURE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to increase the Tribal Reserved Constituency in the Sikkim Legislature on recognition of the tribals, Tamangs and Limboos as Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof alongwith the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) & (b): Presently, in the 32-Member Legislative Assembly of Sikkim, 12 seats are reserved for Sikkimese of Bhutia Lepcha origin, two seats are reserved for Scheduled Casts of the State and one seat is reserved for Sanghas. Earlier only Bhutia and Lepcha communities were included in the Consstitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1978. After recognition in 2003 of Tamangs and Limboos as Scheduled Tribes, the State Government has requested the Union Government to increase the strength of the Assembly from 32 to 40 and to provide reservation of seats for Tamangs and Limboos in proportion to their population without disturbing the twelve seats reserved for Bhutias and Lepchas. The request of the State Government is under examination.